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Calverley Urban District Council.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1923.

To the Chairman and Members of the Calverley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in laying before you my Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Village for the year 1923.

For the second year in succession there was very little sickness, and what there was, was not of a serious nature. We had the usual cases of Influenza, but this was not epidemic. Amongst the children we had Measles and Whooping Cough, but neither of these was of a serious nature.

Population.

The population, according to the Registrar General, is 3,386, a decrease of 22 over last year.

Birth Rate.

There were 31 births registered during the year, 11 males and 20 females, two of these being illegitimate. The Birth Rate being 9.15 per 1,000 of the population for the year, that of England and Wales being 19.7.

I can trace the Birth Rates as far back as 1891, and the one for 1923 is the lowest on record.

Mortality.

There were 46 deaths registered, 24 Males and 22 Females, the Death Rate being 13.5 per 1,000. This is slightly higher than in any year since 1916, that of England and Wales being 11.6. Of the 46 deaths, 11 took place in various institutions outside the village, two due to accidents and two to sudden death.

Causes of Deaths.

Influenza	Cancer.	Diabetes.	Stroke.	Heart Disease
1	9	1	4	10
Arterio Sclerosis.	Bronchitis.	Suicide.	Due to Accidents.	Senile Decay.
3	1	1	3	13

Infantile Mortality.

There were two cases of Infantile Mortality, both of which occurred outside the village, the Infantile Mortality Rate being 64.5 per 1,000 births registered.

There have been more deaths during 1923 than in any year since 1916, but when I tell you that 24 out of the 46 were over 70 years of age at death, you need not be unduly alarmed.

Zymotic Diseases.

We have been very fortunate in this respect, having had very few cases.

Scarlet Fever 4, all removed to hospital, all recovered; Erysipelas 2, Pulmonary Tuberculosis 1, Tubercular Glands of Neck 1.

There is no case in Calverley Moor Hospital now from Calverley.

Nuisances.

Two have been notified to me, and these have been remedied.

Scavenging.

This has been done very well indeed, the tip of Farsley Lane is very tidy, and I venture to say that very little exception can be taken to it by any one. The Sewerage Plant at Rodley has been vastly improved, both from a serviceable and appearance point.

**Cowsheds and
Dairies.**

These I have visited and found in good repair, clean, well ventilated and affording plenty of air space, with the exception of two. There has been no shortage of milk in the village.

**Mills, Workshops,
Bakehouses and
Slaughterhouses.**

These have all been inspected and, without exception, comply with the Act.

Water.

There have been many complaints in various parts of the village about a shortness of water. Everything is being done to remedy this, and very soon, I trust, there will be no need for complaints.

Caravans.

I have visited these from time to time. There is a tendency for them to increase in number, which is not desirable, from a sanitary point of view. Generally speaking, I have found them clean, and the ground around them free from litter and rubbish. The sanitary arrangements are poor. The position of those on Gain Lane is bad, as the stream runs right through their ground, and considering the bad weather we had during the year the place must have been very damp and the approaches to and from the vans very disagreeable, not to say dangerous after the rains. I sincerely hope that these dwellings are of a very temporary nature, otherwise we shall have a very difficult matter in dealing with the sanitation thereof.

Canal Boats.

These are regularly inspected and have always been found clean and up to regulations.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to congratulate you on the Sanitary Condition of the Village and to thank you and my brother officials for their help and support in dealing with the various Sanitary matters.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

NORMAN HUGHES,

Medical Officer of Health.

SHAFTESBURY HOUSE,
CALVERLEY,
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